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Amendment
Attorney Docket No. H01.2B-11476-US01

Amendments To The Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A steering drive for an industrial truck, comprising a steered wheel which is rotatably supported about a horizontal axis in a bearing component wherein the bearing component is pivotally supported about a vertical axis and has a ring gear, and a steering motor which drives a pinion meshing with the ring gear, ~~characterized in that the ring gear (18) or pinion has a circumferential groove (30) in which a ring shaped absorbing member (32) of a resilient material is received so that the teeth of the pinion or ring gear get into engagement with the absorbing member~~ the ring gear being composed of two adjacent gear disc which define a circumferential groove in their contacting area, a ring-shaped noise absorbing member of a resilient material being accommodated by the groove so that the teeth of the ring gear engage the noise absorbing member.

2. (Currently Amended): The steering drive as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the ring gear (10) ~~or pinion~~ is defined by two adjacent tooth lock washers (26, 28) which define the groove (30) in their the lock washers contacting area.

3. (Currently Amended): The steering drive as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the noise absorbing member (32) is defined by an O-ring.